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DEAR HAROLD -

SORRY THIS IS NOT TYPED BUT I THINK YOU CAN READ IT.

I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT MR. LIFTON. I KNOW MAGGIE MENTIONED IT TO YOU, BUT YOU SHOULD HEAR IT FROM THE 1ST PARTY.

WHEN I INTRODUCED A MEMBER OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CCI TO DAVE, HE STEWED US FOR 6 OR 7 HOURS, HIS CAMOUFLAGE THEORY. IN THE COURSE OF IT, WE SAW HIS 1ST GENERATION COPY OF THE ALTGENS FOTO & HE SAID HE HAD TURNED AN OUTLINE OF THE 'ERRORS' IN WHITEWASH II TO LIEBELER FOR IT. BEING AWARE OF THE RUMORS THAT LIFTON DID THIS SORT OF THING, I FELT THAT THIS SUBSTANTIATION OF THOSE RUMORS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ANYONE WHO COULD BE HURT SHOULD HE CONFIDE IN LIFTON. WHEN I WAS IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR THE MARCH, I SPOKE TO THIS CCI MEMBER AND HE, TOO, REMEMBERS THAT STATEMENT.

LIFTON FIRST HEARD THAT I HAD RETRACTED HIS STATEMENT FROM MAGGIE AT WHICH TIME HE TOLD HER SOMETHING LIKE, "YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHY I DID IT." HE CALLED ME TEN MINUTES LATER AND, BESIDES CALLING ME A 'SHYSTER' AND A 'MACHIAVELLIAN POLITICIAN', HE DENIED EVER SAYING IT OR DOING IT. HE WAS LYING ONE TIME OR THE OTHER

AT ANY RATE, THIS IS ENOUGH TIME TO SPEND ON LIFTON. I'M SURE HE'LL WRITE TO YOU AND TRY TO EXCUSE HIMSELF. I DO FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT I WAS RIGHT IN TELLING THE CRITICS.

THE MARCH IN S.F. WAS OVER 75,000 PEOPLE DESPITE WHAT YOU MAY READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS. TOO MANY SPEAKERS AT THE RALLY WERE LIBERALS (STOP BOMBING only) THOUGH.

EVERYTHING IS FINE HERE + BILL IS JUST DOING GREAT.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO WHAT YOU HAVE ON LIEBELER + WHITEWASH III. DON'T WORK YOURSELF TO DEATH.

BEST WISHES,

Steve